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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

SUEZ: LOCALE FOR PHASE 11 OF SALT

REF: STATE 144344

1. SWISS PROPOSE TO RELEASE THEIR OWN PRESS STATEMENT AT SAME TIME AS U.S. /SOVIET STATEMENT (I.E., ASSUMING SOVIET AGREEMENT, FRIDAY AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME). EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

(A) "THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS HAVE ASKED SWITZERLAND FOR AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE SECOND PHASE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS (SALT) AT GENEVA.

(B) "THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, IN CONCERT WITH THE GENEVA STATE COUNCIL, WAS HAPPY TO ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST.

(C) "THE FEDERAL AND CANTONAL AUTHORITIES WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH PROGRESS (DEROULEMENT) OF THESE TALKS." END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS SHOWN SWISS PLANNED PRESS RELEASE RECEIVED

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REFTEL. SWISS ARE HAPPY WITH PARAS. A AND B, BUT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARA. C. THEY CONSIDER PRESENT WORDING TOO SPECIFIC AND ARE CONCERNED LEST SWISS AND PARTICULARLY GENEVA CANTONAL AUTHORITIES MADE TO APPEAR RESPONSIBLE FOR POSSIBLE SHIFT OF OPENING SESSION TO VIENNA THROUGH FAILURE TO FIND SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR U.S. SALT DELEGATION. SWISS FEAR THAT WORDING IMPLIES PRE-CONDITION FOR HOLDING SALT PHASE II IN GENEVA.

3. SWISS HAVE ASKED US TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING, SLIGHTLY-MODIFIED AND MORE GENERAL WORDING.

(A) BEGIN TEXT. "NO DATE HAS AS YET BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE OPENING OF SALT PHASE II, BUT SHOULD IT BE AGREED TO START NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE MOVE TO GENEVA HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE OPENING SESSION MAY TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA." END TEXT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP (A) WHETHER ABOVE LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE; (B) WHETHER QUESTION OF TIMING PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR US TO BE ABLE INFORM SWISS WHETHER RELEASE WILL BE JOINT U.S./SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OR SEPARATE U.S. STATEMENT, WITH USSR ISSUING IDENTICAL OR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT STATEMENT. GDS

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